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A BIT OF HISTORY.

The First Young Men's Christian Association was organized in London in 1844, by a Christian clerk, who had a desire to save his fellow-clerks who were not Christians. Mr. George Williams, founder of that Association, lives to see the plan of his young manhood crowned with abundant success, and from that beginning the wonderful growth of the Young Men's Christian Associations. In 1851 Associations were organized in Montreal and Boston on the model of the London Association, and soon following kindred Associations were organized in New York and Washington. The Young Men's Christian Associations have rapidly multiplied, and there are now about two thousand flourishing in the land.

THE Year Book recently issued by the International Committee contains reports of 825 Associations in North America, 285 in Great Britain and Ireland, 65 in France, 15 in Belgium, 293 in Germany, 406 in Holland, 204 in Switzerland, 79 in Sweden, 6 in Italy, 8 in Spain, 1 in Austria, 13 in Australia, 2 in India, 4 in Syria, 3 in South Africa, 2 in Japan, and 1 each, in Madagascar and the Sandwich Islands. It ought to be of interest for us to know that there are to-day vigorous Young Men's Christian Associations in Nazareth, Damascus and Jerusalem.

OUR READING ROOM.

Our Reading Room offers great attractions to young men. In it may be found the New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Pittsburg, and other daily papers, illustrated weeklies, and many of the leading magazines and religious and secular papers. All young men whether members of the Association or not, are invited to visit the room; the privileges afforded are entirely free to all who wish to enjoy them.

OPEN-AIR SERVICES.

All our Open-Air Meetings have been held every Sunday evening without interruption from the beginning of the season. They were largely attended again last Sunday afternoon. The singing of the Gospel Hymns, the reading of the Scripture and the earnest practical remarks made upon the lesson were listened to with close attention.

The subject to-morrow will be, "To the Uttermost," "And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us.

"But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost thou not fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation?

"And we indeed justify; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss.

"And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.

"And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To-day shalt thou be with me in paradise."—Luke 23:39–43.

MR. JAMES MCCONAUGHY writes that he is having a very delightful time in the Adirondacks. Their party catch plenty of trout, and have shot three deer. Their camp is located at the head of Gull Lake, fifty-four miles from Gouverneur, N. Y., and the party consists of Mr. R. C. Morse, General Secretary of the International Committee; Mr. T. K. Cree, Traveling Secretary of the International Committee; Mr. R. R. McBurney, General Secretary of the New York City Association; Mr. O. C. Morse, General Secretary of the Washington Association, and Mr. McConaughy.

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THE Associations of this District contemplate holding a picnic in the upper end of Perry county, the last of this month.

WE will gladly insert any brief correspondence relative to Association work that may be sent to us.

THE Executive Committee will meet on Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

FOR THE DISTRICT.

Subjects for the Week Ending Sept. 4th.

Public Meeting.—"Wilt thou be made whole?" John 5:1–9.

Young Men's Meeting.—The good fight. I Tim. 6:12; II Tim. 4:7, 8.

YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Faith, is the subject of the lesson to be studied at the Young Men's Bible Class tomorrow. The Class is held in the parlor every Sunday morning at 9 o'clock. We again extend a cordial invitation to all young men to attend. The following is an outline of the lesson studied last Sunday morning:

PRAYER.

Phil. 4:6.

Commanded. Matt. 7:7.

1. How?

   In Faith—Matt. 21:22: Heb. 11:6; Jas. 5:15; Mark 11:24; 1 John 5:14.

   In Sincerity—2 Chron. 7:14; Jas. 4:3; Ps. 119:58, 145; Heb. 10:22.

   With Holiness—1 Tim. 2:8.

   With Aid of Holy Spirit—Job 37:19; Eph. 6:18; Jude 20; Rom. 8:26, 27.

   With Earnestness—Jas. 5:17; 1 Thes. 3:10; Is. 62:1; Rom. 12:12.

2. When? 1 Thes. 5:17; Col. 4:2; Luke 18:1; Ps. 5:3; 55:17; 86:3; Acts 16:25.

3. Where? Matt. 6:5, 6; Dan. 6:10; Gen. 24:63; Acts 10:9; Matt. 18:19, 20; Acts 1:13, 14; 12:12.

   Christ's Example—Matt. 14:23; 26:36, 39; Mark 1:35; Luke 9:18, 29.

YOUNG MEN'S MEETING.

A very pleasant Young Men's Meeting was held last Saturday evening. With one or two exceptions, all present took part in the service.

The Meeting is held in the interest of young men. It is informal and interesting, the addresses are earnest and brief, and the singing is good.

Young men, we cordially invite you to spend this evening with us.

MR. D. L. MOODY has issued a call for a convention for prayer, and to wait upon the Lord for a new enduement of power from on high, to be held at Northfield, Mass., from September 1st to 10th.

OUR MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK ENDING AUGUST 28, 1880.

SUNDAY.....	9.00	A. M.	..Service in County Jail. C. A. Kunkel.
August 22.	9.00	"	..Young Men's Bible Class. "Faith." John C. Lynch.
	1.30	P. M.	..Mission Sunday School at Lochiel. J. H. Spicer, Superintendent.
	3.30	"	..Service at Home for the Friendless. H. C. Demming.
	5.00	"	..Bible Class (Colored). Wesley Mission, Marion near Colder. Charles May.
	6.00	"	..Service at City Hospital. James Fletcher.

OPEN-AIR MEETINGS.

	5.45	"	..Capitol Park. John M. Sayford.
	5.45	"	..Corner Race and Hanna Streets. Gilbert H. Weigle
	5.45	"	..Corner South and Cowden Streets. D. W. Wallett.
	5.45	"	..Corner Third and Colder Streets. H. B. Gerhardt.
MONDAY.....	8.00	"	..Executive Committee Meeting.
THURSDAY.....	8.00	"	..Sunday School Teachers' Bible Class. Rev. J. T. Judd.
SATURDAY.....	8.00	"	..Young Men's Meeting.
EVERY WEEK-DAY	8.00 A. M.		.....Daily Prayer Meeting.
	9.45 P. M.		.....Evening Prayers in the Parlors.

THE DAILY MORNING PRAYER MEETING

Is held in the Reading Room every morning, except Sunday, at 8.00 o'clock, closing at 8.30.

TOPICS AND LEADERS FOR THE WEEK.

MONDAY....."*The God of all Comfort.*" II Cor. i. 3-10. M. Blitz.
TUESDAY....."*Only the Best we can Offer Acceptable to God.* Mal. i. 6-14; Rom. xii. 1. J. N. Deeter.
WEDNESDAY....."*The Sinfulness of Sin exceeded by the Grace of God.* Is. lix. 1-21. Geo. A. Lippincott.
THURSDAY....."*The Barren Fig-Tree.* Luke xiii. 6-9. James Crothers.
FRIDAY....."*Despaired of by Man rescued by God.* Mark v. 1-20.
SATURDAY....."*Abraham's Intercession.* Gen. xviii. 16-33.

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MR. GEORGE A. HALL, State Secretary of New York State, said: "Associations do well to bear in mind that large meetings, popular lectures, grand entertainments, and successful educational classes, are not the result for which we should aim; in themselves, they are good, but to be used simply as means for reaching and interesting young men, in order to get an influence over them for good. We must aim at the salvation of young men; get them to our rooms, to our meetings, and to use various privileges we offer, but labor to get them to Christ. Every Church service should be larger, every Sabbath-school better attended, and every pastor stronger in a town where an Association exists. Aim at definite results."

THE attendance at the Open-Air Service at Third and Colder Streets last Sunday was larger than on any previous occasion.

INTERESTING.

It is with pleasure we record the noticeable interest manifested in our Sunday School Teachers' Bible Class. The lessons taught by Rev. Mr. Judd are very instructive. The class meets every Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, and, we repeat, a cordial invitation is extended to everybody interested in Bible study to attend. We hope Sunday-school teachers will avail themselves of this opportunity of receiving assistance in the preparation of their lessons.

WE recently noted in the BULLETIN that two lodging rooms in our building are without bureaus. We have not yet had a response to our request for the articles If some kind friend will supply the need, they will be very gratefully received.

"*Thanks unto God for his Unspeakable Gift.*"—II Cor. 9:15.

We may say of Christ as one said of Cæsar, when he received a munificent present from him, "This is too much for me to receive." To which the emporer answered, "But it is not too great for me to give."—*Watchman.*

THE paper read by Mr. Jas McConaughy on "The Care and Development of the Bodily Health," at the Secretaries' Conference at Chicago, is concluded in this week's issue of the *Watchman.*

QUITE an attractive programme of instrumental and vocal music and addresses is being arranged for the reception to be given to Messrs. McConaughy, Tuesday evening, the 31st inst.

THE Secretary will be glad to give young men of our city letters of introduction to the Secretary of the Association in any city they may intend to visit.

THE subject for Young Men's Meeting this evening is, Self-Seeking Rebuked. Mark 9:33–37; Luke 22:24–27.

THERE are about one hundred and sixty-four Young Men's Christian Associations in this State.

THE September Magazines have been received at our Reading Room.

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